



King County
VEHICLE UPHOLSTERER
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRANSIT DIVISION/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SECTION
Hourly Rate Range: \$18.82 – \$26.89
Job Announcement: 05AB5047
OPEN: 3/23/05 CLOSE: 4/6/05

*****Journey-level vehicle upholsterers will be hired at \$24.20/hr.**

WHO MAY APPLY: This recruitment is open to the general public. It will be used to fill one current permanent vacancy and may be used to establish an eligibility list to fill future vacancies.

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **Transit Human Resources, 201 South Jackson Street, MS-KSC-TR-0419, Seattle, WA 98104-3856** or hand deliver to the **King County Career and Employment Center, 201 South Jackson Street, Seattle, WA**. Application materials must be **received** by 4:00 p.m. on the closing date. (Postmarks are NOT ACCEPTED.) Please contact Adrienne Bunney at (206) 684-1087 or adrienne.bunney@metrokc.gov for further inquiries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications **not** received at the location specified above will not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [King County application form and data sheet](#), resume, and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required. **WORK LOCATION:** Component Supply Center, Tukwila, WA with regular travel to all Vehicle Maintenance bases.

WORK SCHEDULE: This position is not exempt from the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, and is overtime eligible. Employees in this classification must be available to work one of three shifts, staffed seven days a week.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Repair equipment such as automobile, bus, transit van, and truck seats.
- Remove old upholstery from seats and panels of vehicles, measure new padding and covering materials. Cut to required dimensions using stack cutter, knife, or hand shears.
- Build and repair upholstery spring system. Cut and form foam rubber cushions and seat backs.
- Adjust or replace seat springs and tie them in place. Sew covering material together using sewing machine.
- Fit coverings to seat frames and secure it with glue and staples and/or tacks.
- Do hand and machine sewing, material riveting, grommeting, stapling, and tacking. Use steam machine to facilitate fitting of upholstery covers. Soften leather and plastic goods in a heating oven to facilitate forming and sewing work. Use stack cutters as necessary.
- Make cost estimates of materials and labor, copy or design patterns, cut and shape fabrics and leather to pattern.
- Make and repair litter bags, transfer cutter pads, shift lever boots, curtains, tarps, money bags, and other related items.
- Input or extract data using a computer terminal as required.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A working knowledge of upholstery techniques, tools and related equipment.
- Two years of journey level automotive/truck upholstery experience is required.
- A high school education or GED. Completion of two years of community courses in vehicle upholstery or a recognized apprenticeship program or equivalent on-the-job training is required.
- A valid Washington State driver's license is required.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: The job requires some physical skill and light physical effort is required to lift and carry objects weighing up to 25 pounds. Occasional lifting of upholstery supplies and materials weighing up to 50 pounds is required. Lifting of 100 pounds with assistance may be required. The work requires standing, stooping, kneeling, bending, crouching, and occasional ladder climbing. Work is performed in cramped or awkward positions.

SELECTION PROCESS: The most competitive candidates will participate in a “hands-on” skill test and interview. Employment offers will be finalized **only** after candidates have successfully completed physical examinations. Reference checks will also be conducted prior to any final offer of employment.

UNION REPRESENTATION: Positions in this classification are represented by Local 587 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

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